

Eastern Kentucky Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment
92	Eastern Kentucky	KY0005	34,664	1,126	42%	15%

The Eastern Kentucky area is trying to build on the Empowerment Zone program and find employment for a post-agricultural workforce through improved transportation and other services.

The Eastern Kentucky Course of Action chooses the four following goals and actions:

Improving Local Services

Eastern Kentucky plans increased and more efficient services for residents funded through TANF and other Federal programs that include job support, child care, after school care for children of working residents, employment training, transportation services and other services that help residents become economically self-sufficient.

Reducing Crime

These strategies include implementation of 911 services, increase number of police and deputies, use of technology, crime prevention programs, improved communication with public, alcohol and drug programs, increased convictions, recreational activities and on-going economic development as a crime prevention strategy.

Soliciting In-Kind Donations

Eastern Kentucky will continue working with neighborhood and community development groups to enhance their use of county and city-owned property as well as analyze property holding to identify uses for any surplus property. The RC will also have an incentive plan for using industrial property.

Involving Community Partners in Economic Development

Economic development in Eastern Kentucky will involve improvements in industrial parks, expand infrastructure, land acquisition, marketing, entrepreneurial and job training, assistance to farmers and tourism development. Partners include the following:

- Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development
- East Kentucky Corporation
- Kentucky River Area Development District
- Southern Kentucky Economic Development Corporation
- Mountain Association for Community Economic Development